



## ANNUAL REPORTS

2008

Annual Congregational Meeting

November 9, 2008

*St. Andrew's is committed to drawing people into a deeper knowledge of, love of, and service to the Lord.*

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Newport News, Virginia

## St. Andrew's Staff

The Rev. Dr. Robert D. Marston, Rector

The Rev. Rhonda E. Wheeler, Assistant Rector

The Rev. Richard H. Holley, Assistant Rector

Mr. Bradley R. Norris, Minister of Music

Mrs. Margaret Delk Moore, Head of School

Mrs. Rachel E. Roby, Administrative Assistant

Mr. William E. Wilds, Database and Production

Mrs. Cary Z. Kelly, Financial Assistant

Mr. Vernon Coppedge, Sexton

Church office: 595-0371

Church fax: 595-0137

Church e-mail: [saec0371@verizon.net](mailto:saec0371@verizon.net)

Church website: [www.standrews-episcopal.org](http://www.standrews-episcopal.org)

## Table of Contents

St. Andrew's Staff	2
Table of Contents	3
St. Andrew's 2008 Vestry	5
Rector's Report	6
Assistant Rector's Report	6
Treasurer's Report	8
Acolytes	9
Altar Guild	10
Baby Blanket Brigade	12
Christian Education Committee	12
Circle 2	16
Circle 5	17
Daughters of the King	17
Divine Dollars	18
Facilities Committee	18
Fifty-Niner's	20
Fishermen	20
GAP	21
Green Committee	21
Greeters	22
Guitar Choir	23
Kairos	23
Knitters	25
Lay Readers	25
Membership Committee	26
Memorial Garden Committee	27
Memorials Committee	27
Memorial Flower Committee	28
Music	29
Outreach	30
PORT	30

PORT Volunteers	32
Prayer Chain	32
St. A's	33
St. Andrew's Episcopal School	34
St. Andy's Café	34
Stephen Ministry	35
Thursday Morning Bible Study	36
Turkey Sandwich Day	36
Under the Hill	37
Ushers	37
Women of the Word	38
Upcoming Events	39
Hymn: <i>Lord of All Hopefulness</i>	40

## St. Andrew's 2008 Vestry

St. George Lee, *Senior Warden*  
John Wood, *Junior Warden*  
Virginia Darden, *Treasurer*  
Jim Shamblen, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Norman Palmer, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Bill Wilds, *Register*

### Class of 2008

Margie Holt  
Diana Skelton  
Jeff Verhoef  
S. E. Waddill, III  
John Wood

### Class of 2009

Elizabeth Hollingsworth  
St. George Lee  
Curt Lowery  
Mary Poole  
Lucy Wright

### Class of 2010

Michael Daniels  
Joel Duregger  
Tonia Graves  
Cristy Mahloy  
Nancy Orrison

### Youth Representatives

Anne-Hampton Wall  
Emily Wheeler

## **Rector's Report**

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church continues to be one of the largest and most active parishes in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. This past year we have been blessed with an influx of newcomers who are rapidly becoming incorporated into the life of the parish.

We hope that this booklet will enable both newcomers and longtime members to become more aware of the many ministries that issue forth from here and that it will inspire you to become actively involved in one or more of them. Underlying each of the ministries outlined in this booklet is our shared commitment to "drawing people into a deeper knowledge of, love of, and service to the Lord."

### **The Collect for St. Andrew**

*Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Rob Marston+

## **Assistant Rector's Report**

Into our second year together, I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to serve God alongside you wonderfully gifted and loving human beings! It is such a gift to have the supportive, encouraging Christian community, which exists here at St. Andrew's.

While there are MANY, I will try to highlight some of this year's important ministries which caused me to grow spiritually.

As your Assistant Rector for Christian Formation, one of my main

focuses is to provide leadership in the development and implementation of our Christian Education Ministries. I work closely with our committees and provide Teacher Training and Resources. I continue to be inspired by your commitment and creativity.

In addition, I develop the Day School Chapel Schedule, providing thematic and scriptural themes, and presiding at Day School Chapel twice a week in rotation with the other clergy, Rob and Dick, and our Head of School, Margaret Moore. It is an incredible joy to have Morning Prayer with our wonderful students and staff of St. Andrew's School.

Working with our *Under the Hill* Young Adult Group has been fun and enriching as we continue to look at ways to meet the varied needs of people ages 18 - 50ish! Several young married couples have become part of the St. Andrew's community. A couple of us are developing and structuring a supportive program for singles, through choice, divorce or widowhood.

Missions and Outreach have been much on my heart this year! I have learned, firsthand, that our parish not only loves one another, but we have love for those in our community, in our nation, and in developing nations. My daughter, Emily (now 17!), was able to participate in the Pittsburgh Project in June with the EYC, which changed her life. Then, both she and I were part of the second team which spent a week in Belize, providing Vacation Bible School each morning for the children as well as painting, construction, organization and cleaning for Holy Cross Anglican School. Thank you to all of you who participated in these missions through your prayers, financial support and coordination! It takes all of us, using our unique gifts and resources, to make these mission trips possible. In this way, when some of us go, we all go!

I also became a Daughter of the King this year, with four other women, after the informative six-week training program. And, I made my Cursillo the first weekend of November.

I'm looking forward to our continued growth in Christ, individually and collectively.

Rhonda Wheeler+

## Treasurer's Report

I would like to thank the Finance Committee for this year: Norman Palmer, Jim Shamblen, St. George Lee, John Wood, Mary Poole and Michael Daniels. The Finance Committee each year consists of the three Treasurers, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden and two other members of the Vestry.

For 2008 we budgeted income of \$773,771 with \$610,000 coming from operating pledges and \$67,480 from PLUS pledges. We received 268 annual pledge cards for 2008.

We budgeted expenses of \$773,771. This amount was allotted as follows: Clergy - 25%, Christian Education - 5%, Music - 9%, Administration - 8%, Youth - 2%, Finance - 5%, Evangelism - 1%, Facilities - 19%, Outreach - 2%, Diocese - 10%, General Expenses - 2%, and Debt - 12%.

All bills are paid to date.

The Capital Loan: This is a consolidated loan for various building improvements since 2000. The terms of the original loan were \$310,000 at a fixed rate of 5% for seven years due in April 2011. The 2007 Plus Campaign generated \$67,480 in pledges toward the principal payment of the Capital Loan. The beginning balance in January 2008 was \$207,795.98. As of September 30, \$29,568 in Plus payments have been received. If all Plus pledges are paid in 2008, there will be approximately \$110,000 remaining on the balance of the loan as of December 31, 2008.

The St. Andrew's Perpetual Trust was established in 2004. The amount in the Perpetual Trust as of September 30, 2008, is \$74,522.73. In 2008, St. Andrew's was the beneficiary of a \$10,000 bequest from an estate that was placed in the Perpetual Trust.

Over the years money has been left to St. Andrew's through decedents' wills. Unless specified, these have been considered undesignated bequests and invested in American Funds' Balanced Fund. As of September 30, 2008, the balance in the fund is \$200,292.27.

We have \$57,485.84 in restricted program funds held in a money

market account at Davenport & Company. These funds are money given for specific programs such as Altar Guild, ECW, EYC, New Music, Contemporary Worship, Stephen Ministry and Warm Fuzzies. They may be used at any time when designated by the controlling organization.

For calendar year 2008 we have received \$13,500 in memorial gifts. These funds are given in memory of a parishioner at the time of the death. As of September 30, the balance in the Memorial Fund was \$36,378.72. The Memorials Committee determines the uses for the funds and disburses them accordingly.

The 2008 adopted budget is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. The budget for 2009 will be posted when it is approved by the Vestry. A complete financial report for 2008 will be available in January 2009.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Because of your contributions we can continue to fulfill our mission: Drawing people into a deeper knowledge of, love of, and service to the Lord.

Virginia Darden

*To make this booklet easily accessible for newcomers, as well as our longtime members, each committee chair was asked to submit their report this year in the following format, when feasible. The following reports will endeavor to follow this format.*

- NAME: Name of your group
- CONTACT: Who should people contact with questions about your group? (Name, phone, email)
- WHEN: When, where, and how often do you meet?
- ELIGIBILITY: Who is eligible to be a part of your group?  
How does one join?
- RESPONSIBILITIES: What are the responsibilities of your group?  
What is your main emphasis?
- PROJECTS: What special projects did you participate in this year?
- PLANNED: What special projects do you plan for the upcoming year?
- NEW MEMBERS: What is the main thing that you would want a new member of St. Andrew's to know about your group?

### Acolytes

Name: St. Andrew's Acolytes  
Contact: Pat Marcolini, 867-7258, [marcolini4@verizon.net](mailto:marcolini4@verizon.net)  
When: Weekly service participants, group training meeting annually  
Eligibility: Anyone who has reached 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We are also looking for adults to join us. You join by getting in touch with Bill Wilds or Pat Marcolini.  
Responsibilities: Provide acolytes for weekly church services  
New Members: We would really like for you to join us.

Pat Marcolini

## Altar Guild

- Name: St. Andrew's Altar Guild
- Contact: BoBo Smith, 930-2964, [scotchy51@verizon.net](mailto:scotchy51@verizon.net)
- When: There 50 people in five groups of who work in monthly rotations. They meet at 9:00 a.m. in the sacristy on Saturday mornings and before and after their assigned services.
- Eligibility: Anyone is eligible to join if they have the time to work with a monthly group. The chairman of each group organizes her team according to the services planned for that month. The work schedule is set up in advance.
- Responsibilities: We are responsible for preparations/clean up for all services that take place at the church, to include Sunday services, funerals, baptisms and weddings. We order all supplies for the services; launder all linens; keep brass polished and candles filled with oil; maintain, order, and organize all vestments and church hangings. In addition, five groups of flower arrangers rotate with the above church groups. They are responsible for all flowers on the church altar for any occasion. Finally, one volunteer keeps the yearly memorial flower calendar. This is a record of memorial flower donations for each Sunday. A monthly copy of the list is sent to the flower arrangers for each month. This volunteer also manages the Easter and Christmas memorial list along with the church staff. We look to the priest for his/her direction always.
- Projects: Our work revolves around the church calendar. Each season has a different emphasis.
- New Members: All of us love our service offered to the church in this

way. Many senses and symbols are involved in the liturgy. Altar Guild membership is our participation.

BoBo Smith

### **Baby Blanket Brigade**

Name: Baby Blanket Brigade  
Contact: Helen Rountree, 851-0722  
When: Three times a year in the Parish Hall with our sewing machines  
Eligibility: Anyone, regardless of age or sex; just watch for notices in the newsletter or Sunday pew bulletin  
Emphasis: Sewing together the two-layer flannel receiving blankets that Helen delivers to the Hampton Healthy Start Program  
Projects: We sewed over 110 blankets this year in two meetings.  
Planned: To sew even more blankets  
New Members: Anyone can come. The sewing is very simple. If you are a novice or simply rusty, we will help you. We even have an extra sewing machine.

Helen Rountree

### **Christian Education Committee**

Name: St. Andrew's Christian Education Committee  
Contact: Lucy Wright, 595-2787, [wright54@cox.net](mailto:wright54@cox.net)  
The Rev. Rhonda Wheeler, 595-0371, [saec.rhonda11@cox.net](mailto:saec.rhonda11@cox.net)

The Christian Education Committee exists to prayerfully discern

program offerings which will support our mission at St. Andrew's: *to draw people into a deeper knowledge of, love of, and service to the Lord.* The committee plans and coordinates weekly Sunday and Wednesday studies as well as programs for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter.

The CE Committee is open to anyone who wishes to contribute to planning the teaching ministry of the Church. Interested persons should contact Lucy or Rhonda.

The entire Christian Education Committee meets four times per year in the church's Meeting Room. Sub-committees for Adults, Youth and Children meet as needed to plan for specific spiritual needs of each age group.

### Adult Christian Education

Sunday offerings in 2008 have included:

- Confirmation class
- Brief History of Church Music
- The Five Languages of Love
- The Bible According to Andy Griffith
- *Blowing the Lid Off the God-Box*
- Art in Spirituality
- Christianity and Islam
- Summer Computer Course
- The Question of God: A Conversation Between C. S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud
- Faith in the System: Spirituality in Current Events
- Generation G: Grandparenting
- Finance 101: Stewardship Planning in Difficult Financial Times

Weekday Offerings:

- Women of the Word meets on Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study meets from 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

### Lenten Series

- “When God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another” featured speakers: Jim Neff, Kris Wessler, The Rev. Rhonda Wheeler
- “Children@Lent” was offered concurrently, teaching children about Lent in preparation for the Easter celebration

### Christian Education for Youth and Children

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday offerings for Youth (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades)

- Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades)
- “Aim High” - lectionary based studies focusing on current issues for youth
- Episcopal Youth Community - Sunday evening offering led by Laura Downing, Lauren Brooks and Amanda Heath with support from a fabulous Parent Advisory Team
- Faith in the System: Spirituality in Current Events (8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades)
- “Finding Jesus: Meeting Jesus and the People Around Him”
- “Faithful Servants of the Old Testament”

#### Sunday offerings for Children

- Seasons of the Spirit (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Nursery (infants - 3 years) - under the supervision of Carol Santos, our professional team of nursery attendants provide loving care for our youngest parishioners
- Godly Play (2 ½ years - Kindergarten)
- First Communion Class for Children (special times announced during the year)
- Children’s Chapel - our children participate in the Gospel procession at the 10:30 a.m. service, then process to their own chapel service, where Brad Norris, Minister of Music, and one of our clergy leads a short worship service with the assistance and support of our capable and committed Children’s Chapel Team Volunteers

Special Events - intergenerational programs at which time we gather, all ages together, for education, celebration and presentations

- Epiphany Celebration
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show
- Celebrating Camp Chanco
- Outreach ministry to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newport News
- Bishop Bruce and Mrs. Elaine Cameron
- Outdoor service and church picnic
- Vacation Bible School: *Rainforest Adventure* - This was the nineteenth year of our ecumenical effort to provide a wonderful VBS ministry to and for the Hilton community. Five Hilton churches: St. Andrew's, Hilton Presbyterian, First Methodist, Hilton Christian and Trinity Lutheran provided one of our most successful weeks yet. 218 children attended with 156 volunteers working together!
- "Seeking a Shepherd for the Diocese of Southern Virginia
- St. Francis Day - Blessing of the Animals
- "Saints Preserve Us!" - preparing for All Saints' Day

And those yet to come:

- Parish Retreat at Chanco - "Coloring Our World"
- Christmas Pageant on December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

The CE Committee values your feedback on offerings as well as suggestions for new programs. Please let Lucy or Rhonda know what you are interested in learning more about.

Thank you to our committed committee members and valued teachers who continue to provide such capable leadership!

Rhonda Wheeler

## Circle 2

- Name: St. Andrew's Circle 2
- Contact: Barbara Daniels, 885-6452
- When: Four social gatherings, hosted at the home of members, are held during the year, usually on Sunday evening
- Eligibility: Open to all women who would like to participate
- Emphasis: Circle 2 is a ministry made up of women of all ages. Our focus has been outreach to our local community, and to build relationships and friendships with the women of St. Andrew's. Our Circle is a contributing member of the Episcopal Church Women. Member dues are \$3.00 per year paid from Circle 2 funds.
- Projects: Our outreach this year has included: St. Paul's Episcopal Church's Homeless Ministry, EYC mission trip to Pittsburgh, St. Andrew's mission trips to Belize, Girls of Excellence at South Morrison School, Food Bank of the Virginia Peninsula, Sponsorship of a "Learning for Life" student to attend Camp Chanco, LINK Personal Hygiene Project, PORT Meal Program, a special friend of St. Andrew's
- Planned: Our outreach fundraisers will be a Brunswick stew sale in November and a pasta dinner in the spring. This dinner is Circle 2's contribution to the annual Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit mission trips and the local community.
- New Members: We'd love to expand our membership. Please consider coming to one or all of our events this year.
- Barbara Daniels

## **Circle 5**

- Name: St. Andrew's Circle 5
- Contact: Anne Korff, 596-6063  
Sara Lou Whitehead, 596-0369
- When: Monthly, October through June, in member's homes
- Eligibility: Any woman who wishes to meet with us and share our quest for closer ties to our community and our church.
- Emphasis: We try to expand our knowledge and understanding of others in order to act as Christians and spread the message of the Gospel.
- Projects: We helped the other circles with a silent auction and the UTO collection. Our members are mainly seniors who have given years of service to outreach projects.
- Planned: We will establish prayer chains for support of our Episcopal project.
- New Members: We welcome new women and ideas and are interested in making new members feel a true sense of belonging to St. Andrew's.

Anne Korff

## **Daughters of the King**

- Name: JoAnna Chapter Daughters of the King
- Contact: Marian Simpson, 930-3264, [marian1@cox.net](mailto:marian1@cox.net)
- When: The Daughters meet in the Parish Library on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. In the months of April, August and December, we have Eucharist in the Choir Loft, and in August and December we go out to eat following the Eucharist.
- Eligibility: Women who are members of the Episcopal Church

must complete a period of ten to thirteen weeks training. Anyone interested in becoming a Daughter may contact Marian or any women proudly wearing their special cross. Anyone may fill out one of the prayer request cards, found on pew backs, for those who have special prayer needs.

**Emphasis:** The Daughters is an order of women of the Episcopal Church who make a vow to serve God through prayer, service and evangelism. We are required to wear our cross as a symbol of our order and our love of the Lord (which we all wear very proudly). We try to assist our priests when and where needed. Each month we have a program. We have had book studies, speakers and sometimes just group discussion on various topics.

**Projects:** The past year we worked the St. Andrew's Blood Drive; hosted a St. Andy's Café; helped in cleaning the church and St. Nicholas Chapel; and try to keep "Prayer Request Cards" in all of the pews, and upon receipt, to immediately add the names to our prayer list (with the utmost confidentiality).

**Planned:** Continuing doing the same and to possibly hold a Quiet Day for our parish in December

**New Members:** We are very serious about our Prayer Request List and it is highly confidential. We would also like members to contact us personally for any prayer concerns they may have.

Marian Simpson

### **Divine Dollars**

**Name:** Divine Dollars

**Contact:** Joan Verhoef, 591-0391, [verhoef@cox.net](mailto:verhoef@cox.net)

Eligibility: All St. Andrew's parishioners  
Emphasis: Fund raising to benefit St. Andrew's; selling gift cards at face value - the issuer pays the church a percentage of the face value  
New Members: Plan ahead! Card orders placed on Sunday are usually available Thursday afternoon. Order forms are available in the church office or online at: [www.standrews-episcopal.org](http://www.standrews-episcopal.org) and click on "St. Andrew's Divine Dollars" You can also view participating merchants at Great Lakes Scrip Center: [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) and click on "Retailer List."

Joan Verhoef

### **Facilities Committee**

Name: St. Andrew's Facilities Committee  
Contact: Junior Warden, who through December 2008 is John Wood, 599-6943, [jwood1937@aol.com](mailto:jwood1937@aol.com)  
When: The first Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Library  
Eligibility: St. Andrew's members with building construction and maintenance experience are especially needed; however, anyone with an interest in our facilities and a desire to serve can make a valuable contribution.  
Responsibilities: Facilities Committee members provide advice and hands-on project support to the Junior Warden in maintaining and improving the church property.  
Projects: The committee is involved with all aspects of facility maintenance and improvement, ranging from major renovation projects to day-to-day maintenance needs. The scope of maintenance work includes oversight of plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and mechanical systems;

roofing; carpentry; painting; lawn care; pest and termite control; fire safety; and custodial services.

John Wood

### **Fifty-Niners**

- Name: 59'ers
- Contact: Mary Gibson Waddill, 599-6557,  
[samwaddill@cox.net](mailto:samwaddill@cox.net)
- When: The 59'ers Luncheons are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month, September through May at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. Occasionally, the date changes; and there are no luncheons during Lent.
- Eligibility: Originally planned for those 59 and older, now all are welcome. Just sign up at the receptionist desk by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding the luncheon.
- Responsibilities: Providing a luncheon on the scheduled dates
- Projects: The 59'ers' cooks are able to purchase needed kitchen items and "gadgets" with any proceeds from the luncheons (i.e. crock pots, skillets, etc.)
- Planned: Delicious meals!
- New Members: Everyone is invited to join the "lunch bunch." Volunteers are welcomed by the kitchen crew!

Mary Gibson Waddill

### **Fishermen**

- Name: St. Andrew's Fishermen
- Contact: Bill Wilds, 595-0371, [saec.bill19@verizon.net](mailto:saec.bill19@verizon.net)
- When: We had been meeting on the fourth Saturday on each month, September through May. We have made some revisions to our schedule in that our next meeting will

be December 14. Watch the newsletter and Sunday pew bulletins for dates after the first of the year.

- Eligibility: All men of the parish
- Emphasis: To share a time of fellowship and food together and to assist with special projects during the year
- Projects: *Warm Fuzzies*, host for the Pancake Supper, assist with the church picnic
- Planned: To continue to support these and other projects as may be needed
- New Members: We encourage all men to attend, to offer to present a program and to just enjoy getting to know each other.
- Bill Wilds

## GAP

- Name: The Gap
- Contact: Bill Wilds, 595-0371, [saec.bill19@verizon.net](mailto:saec.bill19@verizon.net)
- When: As parishioners open their homes for a gathering
- Eligibility: Originally designed for those between *Under the Hill* and *59'ers*, any adult of any age is welcome.
- Emphasis: Just to have a good time together and to enjoy good food. We met at the Moores and the Neffs this year.
- Planned: We look toward to volunteers who will open their homes to a fun group of people!
- New Members: Watch for our scheduled activities and plan to join us.
- Bill Wilds

## Green Committee

- Name: St. Andrew's Green Committee
- Contact: Patty Von Ohlen, 595-8269, [wvonohlen@cox.net](mailto:wvonohlen@cox.net)
- When: Quarterly meetings at church and weekly online

- meetings
- Eligibility: Anyone who has an interest
- Responsibilities: To raise awareness of our responsibility as Christians to be good earth stewards of God's creation
- Projects: Initiated recycling pick-up at St. Andrew's, EYC Recycle Sign Project, weekly newsletter messages, intergenerational program: *Caring for God's Earth*, EYC canvas bag sale, Green Star Awards, Adopt-A-Spot pickup, monthly focuses:  
 September - Hazardous and E-Waste  
 October - Recycle Aluminum Cans & Plastic Bottles
- Planned: Monthly Focus:  
 November - Reusable Shopping Bags  
 December - Healthy Eating/Living  
 January - Energy Conservation  
 February - Reuse Instead of Throw Out  
 March - Clean Out the Closet  
 April/May - Green Lawn and Garden
- New Members: "All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways we use it or abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect." (excerpt from United Methodist Social Principles)  
 Patty Von Ohlen

### Greeters

- Name: St. Andrew's Greeters  
 Contact: Bob Kelly, 596-2278

Greeters are both “Minutemen” and heart of St. Andrew’s. Minutemen, as they welcome visitors in that first seven-and-a-half minutes in which visitors decide whether or not they like St. Andrew’s and will return. The heart, as they welcome everyone to another great Sunday morning service of faith and love at St. Andrew’s.

Parishioners volunteer and are also invited to be Greeters. Greeters have no responsibilities beyond being at the door for Sunday morning services. If you wish to become a Greeter, see Bob Kelly and he will get you busy!

Bob Kelly

### **Guitar Choir**

- Name: St. Andrew’s Guitar Choir
- Contact: Patty Von Ohlen, 595-8269, [wvonohlen@cox.net](mailto:wvonohlen@cox.net)  
Brad Norris, 595-0371, [saec.brad16@verizon.net](mailto:saec.brad16@verizon.net)
- When: Last Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Eligibility: Anyone who plays guitar
- Emphasis: To enjoy God’s love through music
- Projects: Wednesday Lenten services, Easter Sunrise service, June outdoor service, monthly 5:30 p.m. Saturday Night services
- New Members: He who sings prays twice!

Patty Von Ohlen

### **Kairos**

- Name: Kairos
  - Contact: Jim Neff, 596-1185, [jneff1185@verizon.net](mailto:jneff1185@verizon.net)
- (This was written by Jack Smith, an inmate who attended the first Kairos weekend in Virginia. As you read this, Jim will be serving on Team for

Weekend #23 at Nottoway Correctional Center.)

## 72 Hours With Jesus

*To you people who believe Jesus is dead, let me assure you he is very much alive. How do I know? He spent this past weekend here at the Buckingham Correctional Center. Oh, it wasn't the Jesus you see in the pictures - the one with sandals, the white robe, the flowing brown hair and beard. This Jesus came:*

*in the person of Frank, Bill and Terry;*

*in the spirit of Ed, Buck and Jim;*

*in the love of Glen, Dick and Mike;*

*in the moving message of Art as he gave his personal testimony;*

*in the confessions of Jim; in the music of Joe, Russ and Bob; in the smile of Doug, Dan and Hillary, the handshake of Rennie and Parker, the hug from Willie and Elton;*

*in the love displayed by the women who prepared all the food;*

*in the work and prayers of all who baked the 168,000 cookies that kept coming and coming;*

*in the prayers of all those hundreds of people from all across the land, even in Sydney, Australia;*

*in the posters hung around the room;*

*in the personal (letters) that each man involved in the Kairos #1 Weekend received;*

*in the prayers and best wishes from people who didn't know the men who would be reading them;*

*in the drawing of a rainbow from Rebecca, just six years old;*

*in all these ways, Jesus came to Buckingham.*

*The actual Kairos Weekend is over, but the spirit and love brought into this place is still here. It's here now in the hearts and lives of the 36 men who experienced undoubtedly the greatest weekend of their lives: men who got down on their knees, praying and weeping, moved by the*

*outpouring of love, concern and compassion they received. Now these 36 men are telling the other 1,000 men who live here about this Jesus whom they met, relating to them about the many people on the outside who love them and are praying for them. We know that now. All of us, because a group of people not only read the Word of God that says go into the prisons, they went into the prisons and took Jesus with them. The talks, the discussions, the posters, the prayers, the songs, the fellowship, the love, and oh yes, the cookies, all worked together to bring a new hope, a new spirit and a new way of life to men who believed that no one cared. Now they know that people do care because Jesus cares. He came to Buckingham.*

Jim Neff

### **Knitters**

Name: St. Andrew's Knitters  
Contact: Patty Von Ohlen, 595-8269, [wvonohlen@cox.net](mailto:wvonohlen@cox.net)  
Anne Fowler, 596-5543, [afowler817@aol.com](mailto:afowler817@aol.com)  
Fran Ross, 989-1573, [tfr46@earthlink.net](mailto:tfr46@earthlink.net)  
When: There are no scheduled meetings. Ladies knit on their own and drop off their hats in the church office.  
Eligibility: Anyone who knits or wants to learn to knit may find the directions on the church website or they may call Patty  
Emphasis: Knit baby hats are provided for area newborns at Riverside Hospital. Knitters pray for the new little ones as they complete each stitch.  
Projects: Completed and donated 88 dozen hats  
Planned: Ladies will continue to knit

Patty Von Ohlen

### **Lay Readers**

Name: St. Andrew's Lay Readers  
Contact: Bill Wilds, 595-0371, [saec.bill19@verizon.net](mailto:saec.bill19@verizon.net)  
When: Each Sunday morning at the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services at least four parishioners fulfill a vital ministry to St. Andrew's by reading lessons and prayers of the people and by chaliceing. There are additional times when lay readers are needed: Wednesday services, Lenten services, Maundy Thursday, Easter sunrise service and occasionally funerals.  
Eligibility: Any confirmed St. Andrew's parishioner, sixteen years of age or older approved by the Rector, willing to serve a three-year term  
New Members: New lay readers are always welcome, although new terms only begin once a year.

Bill Wilds

### **Membership Committee**

Name: St. Andrew's Membership Committee  
Contact: Cristy Mahloy, 289-9088, [cristy@mahloy.com](mailto:cristy@mahloy.com)  
When: Quarterly meetings on Tuesday evenings  
Eligibility: All members of St. Andrew's are the committee. Please call Cristy for more information.  
Responsibilities: All members of St. Andrew's are on the Membership (Welcoming) Committee. Our main emphasis is to insure newcomers feel welcomed and to make sure their needs are met.  
Projects: Newcomers' Reception in the spring; Newcomers' Family Supper in the fall  
Planned: The same!  
New Members: The Membership Committee provides a framework for additional ways of welcoming and communicating

with newcomers through: Greeters, St. Andrew's mugs, Parish Partners, Newcomers' Booklet, Pictorial Directory, and twice-a-year reception and dinner.

Cristy Mahloy

## **Memorial Garden Committee**

Name: St. Andrew's Memorial Garden Committee  
Contact: Bill Wilds, 595-0371, [saec.bill19@verizon.net](mailto:saec.bill19@verizon.net)  
Eligibility: Any parishioner or his or her immediate family members may be interred in the Memorial Garden.  
Responsibility: To maintain the Memorial Garden, to order leaves for the Tree of Remembrance, and to provide a Funeral Customary for parishioners and immediate families for pre-arrangements  
New Members: To learn about the Memorial Garden, please contact Bill.

Bill Wilds

## **Memorials Committee**

Name: St. Andrew's Memorials Committee  
Contact: Mary Gibson Waddill, 599-6557, [samwaddill@cox.net](mailto:samwaddill@cox.net)  
When: The committee meets four to six times a year, more if necessary, at 5:30 p.m. in the Rector's office.  
Eligibility: The committee members are appointed by the Rector and there is one Vestry representative.  
Responsibilities: There are times when we want to remember a special someone by giving a donation to St. Andrew's in that person's name. Such gifts do not have to be great in size. When money is given in memory without a

specific gift designation, it is placed in the Memorial Account. As sufficient funds accumulate, the committee oversees the funds carefully and thoughtfully and allocates these funds for practical uses for the betterment of the church

Projects: New: urns for the altar; locked cabinet for the Meeting Room; Gospel books and service book; healing station kneelers; altar hangings, chasubles, and stoles

Planned: To commit ten percent of the memorial donations to the Perpetual Trust in order to increase our endowment for the future

Mary Gibson Waddill

### **Memorial Flowers**

Name: St. Andrew's Memorial Flower Calendar Committee

Contact: Debbie Tanner, 595-8067, [debbtan@aol.com](mailto:debbtan@aol.com)

When: Flowers are given in memory of loved ones or to mark special events in the lives of our parishioners every Sunday of the year. On those Sundays when there are no memorial flowers, the Altar Guild still provides the arrangements. The designated names are printed in the newsletter and Sunday pew bulletin for the week and announced during each church service. Certain times of the year are reserved for Lent (no flowers), Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias.

Eligibility: Families may designate a Sunday to honor the memory of loved ones or to express thanksgiving for a special occasion. One may reserve a specific Sunday each year or just once. Different families may also share a Sunday. The cost for the week is \$65.00. Many families choose to remember a loved one at

Easter and/or Christmas. There is not a specific charge for this. A contribution amount is decided upon by each family. To reserve a spot on the flower calendar, call or email Debbie Tanner or leave word in the church office.

**Responsibilities:** An annual calendar is prepared in January of each year listing the memorials for each Sunday. The calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the Parish Library. This committee is part of the Altar Guild and a member of the flower committee arranges the flowers for each Sunday on a rotating basis.

**New Members:** are encouraged to consider remembering their loved ones with memorial flowers on a given Sunday and at Easter and Christmas.

Debbie Tanner

## Music

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia!*  
(from Hymn 420)

With approximately 300 services between the church and day school that require music, we rely on many faithful people:

Adult Choir

Children's Choir (our largest in over 25 years)

Guitar Choir

Various instrumentalists and soloists

Liturgical Dancers

**Some highlights:**

- An evensong with St. John's and St. Stephen's for All Saints'

- The Day School Chorus singing a Choral Eucharist in October
- A monthly Saturday evening service led by the Guitar Choir

Brad Norris

## Outreach

Name: St. Andrew's Outreach Committee

Contact: Diana Skelton, 249-9194, [dskelton3@cox.net](mailto:dskelton3@cox.net)

When: Meetings are via email as needed

Eligibility: Any adult parishioner may contact Diana or any committee member and express a desire to help. Committee members: Melissa Saunders, Karen Wible, Kohl Coffman, Angela Mosley, Craig Frey

Responsibilities: To manage non-allocated funds (\$3,000) and to decide which outreach projects are supported both financially and "hands-on"

Projects: *With These Hands* raised approximately \$2,200 to feed the children at Holy Cross Anglican School in Belize

Planned: To continue to support Holy Cross and other deserving projects

New Members: Outreach is more than the committee. Individuals are conducting outreach efforts everyday, i.e. sending cards to those who are ill, taking dinners to mothers with newborns. You don't need to be a member of the committee to do outreach.

Diana Skelton

## PORT

Name: People Offering Resources Together

Contact: Diana Skelton, 249-9194, [dskelton3@cox.net](mailto:dskelton3@cox.net)

PORT Emergency Homeless Winter Shelter Program operates under

the auspices of LINK. This is the fifteen season of operation. Annually, twenty site churches along with numerous support churches provide emergency shelter, dinner and breakfast to local homeless men, women and children. This year twelve new churches joined the program which runs for twenty weeks, seven days a week from November through March.

This past year over 609 individuals were provided food and shelter. This number also includes individuals from Isle of Wight County and Richmond. There was an increase of elderly persons and youth coming out of foster care. There were sixteen individuals over 60 years of age. There were nine individuals over the age of 70. The oldest was 79. The youngest was 18 days old.

Besides providing transportation, family placement assistance, food (over 23,970 meals), clothing and shelter, additional services include:

- medical screening from the Catholic Parish Nurses and volunteer nurses from MIH and Riverside Hospitals to include: blood pressure, breast, wound, hearing and cholesterol screening. Eye exams are provided in cooperation with MIH and the Denbigh Lions Club.
- local dentists provide off-site fillings/extractions and oral screening for cancer.
- mental health intakes.
- focusing on getting individuals into permanent housing and/or monthly paid boarding houses. In this regard, 69 individuals and families received permanent housing, eleven moved to rooming houses, and 34 returned to families/friends to share a home.

On April 24, 2008, Governor Kaine presented LINK with The Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Award for their support of the PORT Winter Shelter Program.

St. Andrew's is a partner church, partnering with Hilton Presbyterian for a week in December and Trinity Lutheran for a week in February. We continue to make a difference in our community by providing volunteers to register clients, cook meals, serve meals and remain overnight. St.

Andrew's PORT Coordinator is also a member of the PORT Steering Committee. Anyone interested in volunteering to support this worthwhile endeavor should contact Diana.

Diana Skelton

### **PORT Volunteers**

Name: PORT Volunteers  
Contact: Diana Skelton, 249-9194, [dskelton3@cox.net](mailto:dskelton3@cox.net)  
When: Helping different churches during the months of February and December  
Eligibility: All adult parishioners and children over the age of ten who have parental supervision; watch for the two sign-up sheets to be posted  
Emphasis: Feeding and overseeing homeless personnel in a church setting  
Projects: Feeding the homeless at our partner churches  
Planned: Continued support of PORT  
New Members: Volunteers have been feeding the homeless since 1993. You need to be flexible and a self-starter. Many hands make light work!

Diana Skelton

### **Prayer Chain**

Name: St. Andrew's Prayer Chain  
Contact: Gloria Brooks, 595-4067; any one of the clergy; church office, 595-0371, [saec0371@verizon.net](mailto:saec0371@verizon.net)  
When: First Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Rector's office  
Eligibility: Anyone who feels they are called to prayer ministry  
Emphasis: There are currently eighteen members, including the

clergy. Each member offers daily concentrated prayer for those persons with illnesses/needs (physical, emotional or spiritual) or a critical nature. Members also pray weekly for people who have chronic or long-term illnesses/needs, those who are homebound, and those in nursing/assisted living/retirement facilities. This is a quiet ministry of intercessory prayer where confidentiality is strictly observed.

New Members: Anyone needing prayer may be added to the list. If you feel this is a ministry to which you are called or if you have a prayer request, contact one of the clergy, the church office, or Gloria.

Gloria Brooks

### St. A's

Name: St. Andrew's and St. Augustine's Social Group  
Contact: Bob Kelly, 596-2278

Members of both churches subscribe to the Peninsula Community Theater for the season. The 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee on the third Sunday is the chosen performance. After the theater, the members go to a restaurant and have Sunday dinner together.

The remaining plays are:

*Born Yesterday* - December 12, 2008

*On Golden Pond* - March 11, 2009

*You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* - May 10, 2009

If you would like to join the group for one performance or the remaining performances, call the Theater, located on Warwick Boulevard at Main Street, at 596-7436 for tickets.

The purpose of ST. A's, begun in 1986, is to enjoy one another's company. It has no special requirements nor does it do anything but go to the theater, dine after, and have a good time.

## **St Andrew's Episcopal School**

Name: St. Andrew's Episcopal School  
Contact: Margaret Moore, 596-6261

For over 60 years, our parish day school has provided a strong academic program in a nurturing, caring Christian environment for children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade. Students come from not only our parish family but from across the Peninsula, Isle of Wight County and Suffolk.

Chapel services begin each school day. St. Andrew's offers a challenging curriculum in the core academic subjects with enrichment classes in music, art, computer, French, physical education and library. Our students, who represent a diverse population, learn to not only be strong learners but strong leaders in their classrooms, in the school, and in the community.

This year we will continue our ongoing outreach projects that include Thankful Thursday food collection each week; Furry Friends Friday each month, contributing pet food to the SPCA; sponsoring thirteen families at Christmas through Newport News Social Services; and Valentine packages to troops in Iraq.

We began accepting applications for the 2009-2010 academic year on November 1 and are happy to give personal tours of our school Monday through Friday. There will be an Open House for prospective families on Sunday, November 16, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call the day school office, 596-6261, or visit our website at [www.standrewsschool.com](http://www.standrewsschool.com).

Margaret Moore

## St. Andy's Café

- Name: St. Andy's Café
- Contact: Cristy Mahloy, 289-9088, [cristy@mahloy.com](mailto:cristy@mahloy.com)
- When: Each Sunday morning, when we have Christian Education, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- Eligibility: All St. Andrew's parishioners
- Emphasis: St. Andy's Café is a weekly fellowship time for parishioners of St. Andrew's after Christian Education. The café allows us a chance to connect with one another while enjoying a variety of breakfast food items with juice, tea, and freshly brewed coffee. The café is hosted by at least two families per Sunday. They are given all the support and guidance needed. You would only have to host ONE TIME during the year!
- New Members: Please consider volunteering for one Sunday to a wonderful ministry that feeds our spirits as well as our bodies.

Cristy Mahloy

## Stephen Ministry

- Name: Stephen Ministry
- Contact: Jeanne Blount, 868-0417; Gloria Brooks, 595-4067
- When: First and third Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Library
- Eligibility: Adult parishioners who attend a 50-hour training course and make a two-year commitment for two-hour bi-monthly meetings and one hour a week with one's care receiver
- Responsibility: One on one listening ministry for those in times of

transition; the main emphasis is being with and walking with one during a difficult time

Projects: Some members participate in the first-Sunday healing services

New Members: Stephen Ministers are caring, confidential servants of Christ who let Jesus work through them to touch the hearts of others.

Jeanne Blount

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Name: Thursday Morning Bible Study

Contact: Ann Lee, 595-0367; Merrill Hemmert, 833,6121; Mary Wood, 599-6943

When: Every Thursday morning, September through May, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Library

Eligibility: Everyone is invited

Emphasis: A Bible study of the Old and New Testament

New Members: You can begin coming anytime during the year. There is no homework. Just bring a love for learning about the Bible and its importance in our lives today.

Mary Wood

### **Turkey Sandwich Day**

Name: Turkey Sandwich Day

Contact: Bill Wilds, 595-0371, [saec.bill19@verizon.net](mailto:saec.bill19@verizon.net)

When: The third Friday of December at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Eligibility: Anyone who wishes to come and help make bag lunches

Emphasis: To support the downtown Christmas party for needy

Project: individuals and families  
To make 500 bag lunches with: two turkey sandwiches, condiments, canned drink, juice drink, applesauce, crackers or snack items, cookies or other desserts, candy

New Members: Please read the newsletter and Sunday pew bulletins regarding the needs and delivery dates. You do not need to sign up in advance to come on December 19. We can prepare 500 lunches from carving to bagging in about one hour and thirty minutes!!

Bill Wilds

### Under the Hill

Name: Under the Hill

Contact: Julie Duregger, 596-3821, [jjd93@yahoo.com](mailto:jjd93@yahoo.com)  
Rhonda Wheeler, 595-0371,  
[saec.rhonda11@verizon.net](mailto:saec.rhonda11@verizon.net)

When: Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month; dinners and other events are held four or five times a year

Eligibility: There is no “joining”; just show up! This group is mainly for those post-EYC to 50, but no one is turned away!

Responsibilities: To engage the Young Adults of St. Andrew’s in a social atmosphere

Projects: Chili Cook-off, cookout, holiday gathering, beer tasting, wine tasting

Planned: All of the above!!

New Members: Under the Hill is a great place to meet others from church. We have fun events, awesome food and lots of fellowship. It’s a great way to connect with your peers!

## Ushers

Name: St. Andrew's Ushers  
Contact: Dick Barnwell, 595-7948, [barnwell1@cox.net](mailto:barnwell1@cox.net)

The ushers' schedule for this year has been published for a full year so that it can be coordinated with the schedules for the acolytes and lay readers. This is intended to facilitate family participation. The ushers' schedule has been posted on the church website. There are eight five-member teams of ushers serving at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. A small group of ushers serves at the 8:00 a.m. service. The ushers also participate in additional worship services at Christmas and Easter and on special occasions.

Dick Barnwell

## Women of the Word

Name: Women of the Word (WOW)  
Contact: Kris Wessler, 988-0616, [jwessler@earthlink.net](mailto:jwessler@earthlink.net)  
When: There are normally two sessions on Wednesdays: September through November and January through April. We meet in the Parish Library from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Eligibility: All adult women  
Emphasis: We are a group of women whose desire is to study God's word and apply it to our everyday lives.  
New Members: We believe relationship with God and abundant fruitful living is deeply important to being a Christian.  
Kris Wessler

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 16	
10:30 a.m.	<i>Children's Sabbath</i>
Saturday, November 22	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Parish Retreat - "Coloring Our World"</i>
Sunday, November 23	
7:00 p.m.	<i>Hilton Community Thanksgiving Service at Hilton Christian Church</i>
Sunday, November 30	<i>Advent I</i>
Saturday, December 6	
5:30 p.m.	<i>Saturday Night Service with Holy Eucharist</i>
Sunday, December 7	<i>Advent II</i>
Saturday, December 13	
12:00 p.m.	<i>Laying Wreaths at Hampton National Cemetery</i>
Sunday, December 14	<i>Advent III</i>
Thursday, December 18	
6:30 p.m.	<i>Pre-Pageant Rehearsal</i>
Sunday, December 21	<i>Advent IV</i>
9:00 a.m.	<i>Pageant Rehearsal</i>
Wednesday, December 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
11:00 a.m.	<i>No service of Holy Eucharist with Healing</i>
4:00 p.m.	<i>Pageant cast costumed</i>
4:10 p.m.	<i>Acolytes vested for instruction</i>
4:30 p.m.	<i>Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist - Rite II</i>
10:00 p.m.	<i>Musicians robed for rehearsal</i>
10:10 p.m.	<i>Acolytes vested for instruction</i>
10:40 p.m.	<i>Concert of Christmas Music</i>
11:00 p.m.	<i>Festival Eucharist - Rite II</i>
Thursday, December 25	<i>Christmas Day</i>

10:30 a.m.                    *Holy Eucharist - Rite II*  
1:00 p.m.                    *Spanish Service*  
Sunday, December 28  
8:00 a.m.                    *Holy Eucharist - Rite I*  
10:30 a.m.                   *Lessons and Carols and Holy Eucharist - Rite II*  
1:00 p.m.                    *Spanish Service*

*Lord of All Hopefulness, Lord of All Joy*

1. *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*
  
2. *Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*
  
3. *Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*